

255-256 BC

DURANT

The citizens of Rome provided money, materials, labor, and men to build Rome's first fleet - 330 vessels, soldiers, and most of them equipped with novel grappling irons and movable gangways for seizing and boarding enemy ships, by these means naval warfare, unfamiliar to the Romans, could be turned into

hand-to-hand combat, in which the legionaries could use all their disciplined skill. "This fact," says Polybius, "shows us better than anything else how spirited and daring the Romans are when they are determined to do a thing They had never given a thought to a navy; yet when they had once conceived the project they took it in hand so boldly that before gaining any experience in such matters they at once engaged the Carthaginians who for generations had held undisputed command of the sea."

255 B^c

CONSULS:

Servius Fulvius Pictinus Nobilior
Marcus Aemilius Paullus

Regulus was defeated by Xanthippus
near Tunis; Roman fleet rescues
survivors and defeats Punic navy
off Hermacum; heavy Roman losses
in storm.

255 BC

Regulus attacking Carthage
is captured by XANTHIPPOS
the Spartan.

2550c

REGULUS

267BC - 256BC

MARCUS ATILIUS REGULUS d c 250BC

Roman general in First Punic War. While Consul (267BC), he conquered the SALLENTINI and captured BRUNDISIUM (now BRINDISI). He became consul the 2nd time (256BC), defeated the Carthaginians at sea, and waged war against them in Africa, at first with success. Soon afterward the Carthaginians won a complete victory and captured (255BC) REGULUS. He was sent in parole &

solicit peace from the Romans but, instead,
he advised the senate against accepting
the Punic terms over exchanging prisoners.
Resisting persuasions to break his parole, he
returned to Carthage, where he was
supposedly tortured to death. The story made
REGULUS famous as a Roman patriot-martyr

C255BC
C310 → C245BC

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31 poems and numerous
epigrams by THEOCRITUS (about 310
to C245 BC), the first and greatest
of the Greek Bucolic poets.

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MARCUS ATILIUS REGULUS

A famous Roman general.

Elected Consul 267 BC and again in 256 BC.

Directed the Roman Army & navy against Carthage in the 1st Punic war.

Gained several victories over the Carthaginians.

In 255 BC he suffered an overwhelming defeat; 30,000 Roman soldiers were slain; 2000 fled and Regulus with 500 was taken prisoner to Carthage where he

was detained for 5 yrs. At the end of
that time the Carthaginians sent an embassy
to Rome to make terms and caused Regulus
to go with them to urge his fellow citizens
to accept the terms, on his word to return
if not successful. He urged the
Romans to reject the terms of the
treaty and to wage war against
Carthage. Then he went back to Carthage
to meet a horrible death by torture
at the hands of the exasperated Carthaginians.

C255Bc
310-245BC

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L2 short poems and the
"Lament for Adonis" (the model
for Shelley's Adonais) by
BION (310-245 BC), a
Greek bucolic poet.

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End of CHOW DYNASTY

255BC - 206BC

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TSIN Dynasty in China

255 BC

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REGULUS was captured at
TUNES.

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TUNES (TUNIS)

The Romans under REGULUS
met the Carthaginian army
at TUNES, in northern Africa
where they were defeated and
many were captured

255BC

ATHENS joined the ACHAEAN
League.

255 BC

Xanthippus at Carthage. Defeat of Regulus

255 BC

Xenithippus at Carthage.
Defeat of Regulus.

255 Bc

Bacteria revolts against
Antiochus II.

c255 BC

Writing of the "Septuagint,"
Greek version of Old Testament